

REMARKS

REJECTIONS UNDER 35 U.S.C § 103

Claims 32-33, 40, 43, 49-50 and 59

Claims 32-33, 40, 43, 49-50 and 59 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,522,880 issued to Verma et al. (*Verma*), in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2002/0174194 attributed to Mooney et al. (*Mooney*). Claim 43 has been cancelled; therefore, the rejection of this claim is moot. Applicant submits claims 32-33, 40, 49-50 and 59 are not obvious in view of *Verma* and *Mooney* for at least the reasons set forth below.

Independent claim 32 recites, in part, the following:

determining whether the received request is a request for a new session or a request to handoff an existing session from a second basestation, wherein determining comprises analyzing attribute-value pair(s) (AVP) of the received request to identify a callType AVP and identifying the received request as a request for a new session if an identified callType AVP associated with the received request denotes a new call;

Independent claims 40, 49 and 59 recite similar limitations.

The Office action cites *Verma* as disclosing analyzing attribute-value pairs (AVP) of a received request to identify a callType AVP. However the cited portion of *Verma* merely discusses an AVP consisting of a Q.931 Cause Code that indicates a reason for a disconnection of a call. See col. 5, lines 13-34. *Verma* does not disclose a callType AVP. Thus, *Verma* does not disclose identifying a received request as a request for a new session if the callType AVP denotes a new call. Therefore, *Verma* fails to disclose at least one limitation recited in claim 32.

Mooney is directed to providing a single web based interface that gives a user access to a plurality of different message accounts on different message servers. See abstract. *Mooney* does

not disclose a callType AVP nor does *Mooney* disclose identifying a received request as a request for a new session if the callType AVP denotes a new call. Thus, *Mooney* fails to cure the deficiencies of *Verma*. Given that the combination of *Verma* and *Mooney* fails to disclose at least one limitation of the independent claims, Applicant submits claims 32, 40, 49 and 59 are not obvious in view of *Verma* and *Mooney*.

Claims 33, 43 and 50 depend from claims 32, 40 and 49, respectively. Given that dependent claims necessarily include the limitations of the claims from which they depend, Applicant submits claims 33, 43 and 50 are not obvious for at least the same reasons claims 32, 40 and 49 are not obvious.

Dependent Claims 34-39, 42, 44-47, 51 and 60-63

Claims 34-39, 42, 45-47, 51 and 60-63 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over *Verma* and *Mooney*, and further in view of various other cited references: specifically, claims 34, 44 and 60 in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2001/0053694 attributed to Igarashi (*Igarashi*); claims 35-39 and 61-63 in view of U.S. Patent Publication No. 2003/0012149 attributed to Maggenti et al. (*Maggenti*) and further in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,006,266 issued to Murphy, Jr. et al. (*Murphy*); claims 42, 45-47 and 51 in view of *Maggenti*. Applicant notes that the examination of the claimed invention and the application of these numerous references is a significant task; Applicant thanks the Examiner for the thorough examination and the thorough analysis of the references.

Applicant respectfully submits that these claims are not rendered obvious by the cited references for at least the following reasons. Claims 34 and 60 have been cancelled without prejudice. Therefore, the rejection of these claims is moot. As to the remaining claims, each of the rejections made above is based on the application of *Verma* and *Mooney*, shown above to be

defective with respect to the independent claims 32, 40, 49 and 59 from which each of the above-listed dependent claims depends. The cited references do not cure the deficiencies of *Verma* and *Mooney* noted above with respect to the independent claims. Applicants respectfully submit that a prima facie case of obviousness under MPEP § 2143 has not been established with respect to independent claims 32, 40, 49 and 59 at least for failing to establish that the cited references disclose every element of the claimed invention. Because the independent claims are nonobvious, the dependent claims are also nonobvious. See MPEP § 2143.03.

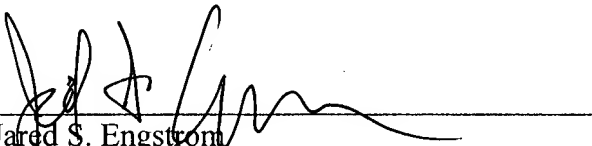
CONCLUSION

For at least the foregoing reasons, Applicant submits that claims 32-33, 35-40, 42, 45-47, 49-51, 59 and 61-63 contain allowable subject matter and are in condition for allowance. Such action is earnestly solicited. The Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned by telephone if such contact would further the examination of the present application.

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